

REMARKS

Objections To The Specification:

The Examiner objected to the specification indicating that an incorrect reference numeral was included on page 13 at line 5. An appropriate correction has been requested in the Amendments To The Specification. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

Claim Rejections:

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 and Claims 1-10, 12, 13, 15-27, 29 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). However, Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication in the Office Action that Claims 28 and 31 would be allowable if appropriately amended to include the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims from which they depend.

Claim 28 has been amended to include limitations corresponding with independent base Claim 15 and intervening dependent claims 24 and 26, and Claim 31 has been amended to include limitations corresponding with independent base Claim 15 and intervening dependent Claims 24 and 30. Further, new dependent Claims 32-44 have been added having limitations corresponding with Claims 16-23, 25, 27 and 29-31, respectively, and new dependent Claims 45-57 have been added having limitations corresponding with Claims 16-23 and 25-29, respectively. Claims 1-27 and 29-30 have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C §101 and 35 U.S.C §102(b) rejections.

Conclusion:

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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